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4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade and  
Commander Landing Force (TF 147)  
Camp Lejeune, North Carolina  
281200, September 1962

Operation Order 1-62 (PHIBRIGLEX-62)

Ref: (a) H.O. Misc, 11,981-25-1A and 11,981-25-2A, 1:25,000

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Task Organization: Annex A (Task Organization)

I. SITUATION.

a. Enemy Forces.

(1) Annex B (Intelligence).

(2) Current ISUMS.

b. Friendly Forces.

(1) Commander, Naval Task Fleet (CTF 144), COMPHIBLANT conducts an amphibious assault operation and the associated naval operations, or naval operations in support of the amphibious assault.

(2) Striking and Covering Force (TF 143) when in company during movement defends against air attack; during advance force and amphibious assault operations provides aircraft to CTF 146 for air operations within AOA; conducts air operations outside AOA in support of amphibious operations; and provides 2 DDR to CTF 146 for operations 18-24 Oct.

(3) Amphibious Task Force (TF 146), PHIBGRU 4 embarks, lands and supports the Landing Force (TF 147).

(4) Native anti-junta forces hold RED Beach and an area inland which includes the NASA Tracking Station, Camp GARCIA and GARCIA Airfield (Annex C (Operation Overlay)).

c. Attachments and detachments. Annex A (Task Organization) effective for planning 291200R Aug 1962 and for operations and communications 100001R Oct 1962.

2. MISSION. Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day conduct military operations in the Republic of VIEQUES to defeat the forces of the military junta and restore constitutional government, protect and evacuate U. S. Nationals, protect the NASA tracking station, and conduct such other operations as may be required to implement the national policy of the United States and achieve the objectives of the OAS.

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3. EXECUTION.

a. Concept of Operation. Annex D (Concept of Operation)

b. RLT 2

- (1) Land at H-Hour on D-Day over Beaches RED and BLUE, secure a beachhead, then attack to seize objectives A and B; thereafter to continue offensive operations in order to establish positive military control in Eastern VIEQUES; prepared on order to seize and secure the Capitol City, ISABEL SEGUNDA.
- (2) Land at L-Hour on D-Day by helicopter in order to protect and evacuate U. S. Nationals and designated aliens at the collecting point at PLAYA GRANDE; thereafter to conduct offensive operations in order to establish positive military control in Western VIEQUES.
- (3) Protect the NASA Tracking Station vic TA 432052.
- (4) Conduct civil affairs operations until relieved by committees of the OAS.
- (5) Conduct liaison and coordinate operations with native anti-junta forces.
- (6) Provide local security for the DASC installation ashore.
- (7) Conduct such other operations as may be necessary to bring about the early defeat of the junta forces.
- (8) Annex C (Operation Overlay).

c. Brigade Aviation.

- (1) Conduct pre-D-Day operations as directed.
- (2) Provide aircraft to Commander Amphibious Task Force (CTF 146) for air operations in accordance with Annex H to CATF Operation Order 506-62.
- (3) Provide and operate helicopters in the ship-to-shore movement in support of RLT-2.
- (4) Conduct visual and photographic reconnaissance as directed.
- (5) Conduct helicopter transport operations ashore as directed.
- (6) Establish VMO-1 ashore on D-Day and furnish observation support to the Landing Force.
- (7) Establish facilities ashore for the control of offensive air operations commencing about 1200, D plus 1.

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d. Brigade Reserve. One Rifle Company of heloborne BLT designated. This company will not be committed without approval of this Headquarters.

e. Coordinating Instructions.

(1) This order effective for planning on receipt and for operations and communications 100001R October 1962.

(2) R-Day 22 Oct; D-Day 23 Oct; H-Hour 0700; L-Hour 0900. Dates and times tentative.

(3) Direct liaison is authorized among subordinate units of the Brigade.

(4) The amphibious objective area is bounded by the following coordinates:

Latitude North

Longitude West

18-30

65-50

18-30

65-00

17-00

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(5) Reduce the requirement for use of encrypted radio traffic by using UNCLASSIFIED "key" or form messages with relation to previously placed information.

(6) Reduce message traffic to that which is essential to the operation and ensures superiors in chain of command are kept informed; employ negative type reports to show departures from schedules only; limit aades to those with need to know; do not report compliance with orders except when such reports are clearly indicated. Do provide timely SITREPS to seniors.

4. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. Administrative Order 1-62 (PHIBRIGLEX-02).

5. COMMAND AND COMMUNICATION-ELECTRONICS.

a. Annex G (Communication-Electronics).

b. Command Posts.

(1) 4th MEB: Camp Lejeune, N.C. until 17 October 1962; afloat in USS FRANCIS MARION (APA-249).

(2) MAG-26 (Bde Avn): Afloat in USS OKINAWA (LPH-3).

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- (3) HMM 264: Afloat in USS OKINAWA (LPH-3).
- (4) HMM 261: Afloat in USS THETIS BAY (LPH-6).
- (5) VMA 331: ROOS RDS.
- (6) VMF 333: ROOS RDS.
- (7) MASS-1: Afloat in USS TALBOT CTY (LST-1153); ashore TBA.
- (8) BLT-2: Afloat in USS CHILTON (APA-38); ashore TBA.
- (9) BLT 2/2: Afloat in USS MONROVIA (APA-31); ashore TBA.
- (10) BLT 3/2: Afloat in USS WOOD CTY (LST-1178); ashore TBA.
- (11) BLT 1/6: Afloat in USS OKINAWA (LPH-3); ashore TBA.

c. Command Relationships. In accordance with NWP 22(A)/LFM 01.

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Chief of Staff

ANNEXES:

- A - Task Organization
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DISTRIBUTION: Annex X (Distribution) to Operation Order 1-62 (PHIBRIGLEX-62)

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4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade and  
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Annex A (Task Organization) to Operation Order 1-62

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(All attachments effective for planning 10 September 1962)

4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade (TF 147)

BrigGen TOMPKINS

Det, HqBn, 2d MarDiv  
Det, 41st CivAff Co, U.S. Army  
Det, CompRad Co, FMF

Regimental Landing Team 2 (TG 147.1)

Col RICHARDS

~~HqCo, 2d Marines~~  
HqCo, 2d Marines  
4th CIT  
Interrogator-Translator Team  
Det, 41st CivAff Co, U.S. Army  
BLT 2/2  
(TRALEX 3-62)  
BLT 3/2  
(TRALEX 4-62)  
BLT 1/6  
1stBn, 6th ~~Marines~~  
Mort Btry, ~~3d~~ Bn, 10th Marines  
3dBn (-), 10th Mar  
Co B (-), 2d AT Bn (CoHq)  
Co C (-), 2d Rcn Bn (CoHq)  
Co A (-), 2d Pion Bn (CoHq)  
Co C (-), 2d Tk Bn, FMF (CoHq)  
Co A (-), 2d AmTrac Bn, FMF (CoHq)  
Det, 2d ANGLICO (2 Radar Beacon Teams)  
Shore Party Group  
Det, 2d Svc Bn  
1st LanSptCo (-)  
1st LtSptCo (-)  
Det, MedSptCo  
Det, HqBn  
MP Plat  
Det, CommCo (RadRel)  
Co A (-), 8th MT Bn, FMF (CoHq)  
Det, 2d FSR  
Det, CommSptCo, H&S Bn  
Det, ASD Bn  
Det, MS&M Bn  
Beach Party Group, NBG-2  
CoHq  
Collecting and Clearing Co (Rein)

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Brigade Aviation (TG 147.2)

Col COCHRAN

MAG 26 (-)(Rein)  
Det, H&MS-26  
Det, MABS-26  
Det, VMO-1 4 OE/2 HOK  
HMM-264 (-)(Rein) 12 HUS/4HR2S  
HMM-261 12 HUS  
VMA-331 20 A4D  
VMF-333 20 F8U  
Det, H&MS-32  
Det, MABS-32  
MASS-1 (-)  
Det, VMCJ-2 2 F8U-1P  
Det, MARTSAT  
Pathfinder Plat (-) ForRcnCo, FMF

Exercise Control Group (TG 147.3)

Col BROSS

6th Marines (-)  
HqCo, 6th Marines  
Exercise Intelligence Center (Prov)  
Umpire Control Element (Prov)  
Aggressor Force (Prov)  
1st Bn, 22d Marines  
H&S Co  
3 Aggressor Companies (Prov)  
Det, Composite Radio Co, FMF  
Det, Int-Trans Team  
Det, 41st Civil Affairs Co, U.S. Army

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4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, FMF  
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Annex B (Intelligence) to Operation Order 1-62 (PHIBRIGLEX-62)

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Refs: (a) Maps:

- (1) H.O. 11,981-25-1 (East) and 2 (West), ISLA DE VIEQUES (1:25,000)
- (2) H.O. 11,981-50-1, (1:50,000) FONDA DE VIEQUES (Tactical Map)
- (3) AMS Series E531, PUERTO RICO, (1:250,000)

(b) 2d Marine Division Order 3800.3E (Intelligence SOP)

(c) FMFLANT/PHIBLANT Amphibious Area Study, VIEQUES (AAS-15) dtd Feb62

(d) 2d MarDiv Area Study, VIEQUES, dtd Mar62

# 1. SITUATION

a. For problem purposes the island of VIEQUES represents the Republic of VIEQUES, a country with a long history of friendly relations with the United States. Increasing political dissension over the past five years has resulted in suspension of constitutional government and rule by a military junta. Economic conditions have deteriorated and the junta, in order to remain in power, has negotiated for and is receiving economic and military aid from nations unfriendly to the Organization of American States (OAS). The direct threat of covert subversion and overt aggression from this base of operations has resulted in a decision by the OAS to restore constitutional government in VIEQUES through direct military action. The population of VIEQUES is 85,000 of which 21,000 reside in the capitol city, ISABEL SEGUNDA.

b. References (c) and (d) contain detailed description of the area of operations.

c. See Appendix 5 (Intelligence Estimate) to this Annex.

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d. See intelligence estimates and summaries as issued.

## 2. ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF INFORMATION

a. Determine if the enemy will attack the U. S. Airstrip and NASA Tracking station at GARCIA prior to our landings.

b. Determine if the enemy will defend BLUE and/or RED beach. If so, by what means? In what strength?

c. Determine if the enemy will conduct mine warfare. If so, where? What types? What methods of use, pattern and density?

d. Determine if the enemy will employ chemical warfare agents. If so, How? Where? What types?

e. Determine the numbers and identities of U. S. Nationals in VIQUERS.

f. Determine if any foreign mercenaries are employed by the enemy. If so, how many? Who are they? This includes military, political and technical advisors.

g. Determine if the enemy will employ guerrilla warfare tactics. If so, how? What para-military forces can he muster? Where? Who are their leaders?

h. Determine the reaction of the local populace to our landings. If hostile, to what degree will it affect our operations?

i. Determine the maximum number of civilian refugees who might need handling during the first three days of operations.

## 3. RECONNAISSANCE AND OBSERVATION MISSIONS

a. Orders to subordinate units.

(1) RLT-2 (TG 147.1)

(a) Conduct pre-H-hour reconnaissance of BLUE and RED beaches, effect liaison with friendly forces in GARCIA area, and report as soon as possible all information on the enemy situation and ECI. Recognition and link-up details will be provided when determined.

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(a) Provide G-2 with names of all indigenous persons being considered for supervisory, administrative or executive positions of trust.

(b) Report all information acquired tending to satisfy the EEL.

b. Requests to higher and adjacent units

(1) Commander, Amphibious Task Force.

(a) Provide or arrange for aerial photography as specified in Appendix 1 (Aerial Photography Plan).

(b) Provide current and predicted weather data.

(c) Provide information as obtained on beach and surf conditions.

(d) Provide information as obtained on enemy capabilities to reinforce from without VIEQUES.

(e) Commencing D-2 and continuing until Brigade aviation is ashore, provide or arrange for visual aerial reconnaissance over VIEQUES and sea and air approaches thereto.

4. CAPTURED PERSONNEL, DOCUMENTS AND MATERIAL

a. Chapters 4 and 5 of reference (d) apply until modified.

b. CTF 147 (G-2) will be notified promptly of the capture of any senior enemy officers, aviators, electronic or missile specialists, foreign mercenaries or volunteers, and any person suspected of possessing information affecting overall NTF operations.

c. Further special instructions are contained in Appendix 4 (Counterintelligence).

5. COUNTERINTELLIGENCE

a. See Appendix 4 (Counterintelligence)

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4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade and  
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Annex D (Concept of Operation) to Operation Order 1-62 (PHIBRIGLEX-62)

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1. MISSION. Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day, Landing Force conducts military operations in the Republic of VIEQUES to defeat the forces of the military junta and restore constitutional government, protect and evacuate U.S. Nationals, protect the NASA tracking station and conduct such other operations as may be required to implement the national policy of the United States and achieve the objectives of the OAS.

2. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS.

High performance fixed wing aviation prepositions at ROOS RDS.

11 Oct	USS ALGOL outloads MHC.
15 Oct	USS ALGOL arrives ROOS RDS/VIEQUES.
15-17 Oct	Landing Force embarks MHC except HMM and VMO at ONSLOW Beach and BLT 1/6 at SUNNYPPOINT.
17-21 Oct	Movement.
20 Oct	USS CHILTON arrives VIEQUES 0600.
22 Oct	Rehearsal at 1000. BLT 3/2 troops into boats. PhibRon 8 boats and Landing Force helos w/o troops.
23 Oct	D-Day. H-Hour 0700; L-Hour 0900.
23-25 Oct	Exercise ashore. Termination 251800.
23-24 Oct	Air Opposition provided by PRANG aircraft.
26 Oct	Backload. USS OKINAWA departs 1200.

3. EXERCISE OBJECTIVES.

- a. Exercise of MEB command and control systems.
- b. Exercise of RLT staff in the conduct of amphibious operations.
- c. Protection and evacuation of U.S. Nationals.
- d. Protection of U.S. installations.
- e. Civil Affairs.
- f. Helicopter operations from two LPH.
- g. Counter-guerrilla operations.
- h. Chemical Warfare operations.

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4. EXERCISE CONTROL.

- a. An Exercise Control Group consisting of a Control Group and Aggressor, Umpire and Exercise Intelligence Center elements will be organized.
- b. Exercise events will be introduced which will contribute to the achievement of Landing Force exercise objectives.
- c. The Exercise Control Group will represent all headquarters and agencies essential to the development of the exercise situation but not actually involved in the exercise.
- d. The Exercise Intelligence Center (EIC) will develop the Aggressor ground, air and naval exercise situations in the Amphibious Objective Area. All intelligence will be introduced as Joint Amphibious Task Force/Landing Force EIC INTREPS.

5. CONDUCT OF OPERATIONS

- a. Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day the Landing Force (TF 147) conducts an amphibious assault on VIEQUES Island. Prior to H and L-Hours Gunfire Support Ships and Aircraft will fire preparations on BLUE Beach and LZ SPARROW as required.
- b. Commencing at H-Hour on D-Day RLT-2 lands over RED and BLUE Beaches, destroys opposing enemy forces and seizes Objectives A and B; thereafter continues offensive operations in order to establish positive military control in Eastern VIEQUES.
- c. Commencing at L-Hour on D-Day RLT-2 lands by helo in LZ SPARROW in sufficient force to protect, process, and evacuate the U.S. Nationals and designated aliens at the State Department Collection Point at PLAYA GRANDE; thereafter conducts offensive operations in order to establish positive military control in Western VIEQUES.
- d. Brigade Aviation will support the Landing Force from bases at ROOS RDS (VMF, VMA, VMCJ), GARCIA Airfield (VMO), vicinity CP, RLT-2 (MASS-1), and USS OKINAWA and USS THETIS BAY (HMM, HMH).
- e. The Civil population can be expected to hamper operations both innocently and willfully. Care and judgement must be exercised in dealing with dissidents who may openly attempt to obstruct operations or given the opportunity, attempt sabotage of equipment and supplies. On the other hand it is important that all those friendly to the U. S. who seek refuge or assistance be welcomed and assisted to the extent that Landing Force resources and military operations permit. It is of paramount importance that the conduct, discretion

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and judgement of the Landing Force evoke the respect and friendship of the VIEQUAN people. Failing in this the Landing Force will jeopardize the attainment of U. S. political objectives and contribute to a weakening of the OAS.

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